

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1 (Currently amended). A method of inhibiting the growth of multiple-resistant

bacteria comprising topical administration of a pharmaceutical composition comprising 15% by weight or more of pentane-1,5-diol as multiple-resistant bacteria bacteriostatic agent and a pharmaceutical acceptable carrier.

2 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein said composition is essentially free of a bacteriostatic agent other than pentane-1, 5-diol.

3 (Canceled).

4 (Previously presented). The method of claim 2, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof.

5 (Currently amended). A method of manufacture of a medicament for topical administration for inhibiting the growth of multiple-resistant bacteria, said method comprising incorporating 15% by weight or more of pentane-1,5-diol as multiple-resistant bacteria bacteriostatic agent in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6 (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier comprises a bacterioside which has a bacteriostatic effect which is less than 5% on a weight basis of the bacteriostatic effect of pentane-1, 5-diol.

7 (Previously presented). The method of claim 5, wherein said carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof.

8 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the composition is applied to a surface contaminated by said bacteria.

9 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein said composition is essentially free from bacteriostatic agents other than pentane-1,5-diol.

10 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier is an aqueous carrier.

11 (Original). The method of claim 10, wherein the aqueous carrier comprises a thickening agent.

12 (Previously presented). The method of claim 11, wherein said thickening agent is a cellulose derivative.

13 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier comprises a detergent.

14 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof.

15 – 17 (Canceled).

18 (Currently amended). A method of disinfecting a non-porous surface contaminated with multiple resistant bacteria, comprising:

- providing a disinfecting composition comprising 15% or more by weight of pentane-1,5-diol as multiple-resistant bacteria bacteriostatic agent and a carrier therefor;
- applying said composition to said surface;
- optionally, keeping said composition in contact with said surface for a period of time from 5 min to 24 hrs at ambient temperature, and
- rinsing said surface with water or an aqueous detergent composition.

19 (Previously presented). The method of claim 8, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof

20 (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carrier comprises a bacterioside which has a bacteriostatic effect which is less than 5% on a weight basis of the bacteriostatic effect of pentane-1, 5-diol.

21 (Previously presented). The method of claim 20, wherein the carrier comprises a patch of a woven or non-woven material or a combination thereof

22. (Previously presented). The method of claim 1, wherein the carrier is an aqueous carrier.

23 (Previously presented). The method of claim 22, wherein the aqueous carrier comprises a thickening agent, a detergent or both.

24 (Previously presented). The method of claim 12, wherein said thickening agent is selected from the group consisting of methyl cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, and hydroxymethyl-propyl cellulose.

25 (Previously presented). The method of claim 13, wherein the detergent is a salt of a fatty acid.